## Power

376 In spite of the existence of several large dams, Iraq apparently has no hydroelectric power installations. It is reported, however, that the proposed dam at Bekhme, at the junction of the river Ruwandiz and the Great Zab, which will produce a mountain lake 65 kilometres long, will be used to produce electric power, on the model of the Boulder Dam in the United States.

## Postal Service

205 By the end of the financial year 1947-48, Iraq had 171 post and telegraph offices.

The regular postal service of Iraq covers a network of 8,664 kilometres and mail is transported by: railways, over 1,600 kilometres; automobiles, 5,630 kilometres; river boats and barges, 390 kilometres; couriers and beasts of burden, 1,044 kilometres.

An air mail service to Egypt, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is operated twice a week via Egypt. An air mail service is operated between Iraq and the countries of the Near East and the other countries of the Middle East. By the end of July 1948, the Iraqi air mail network covered 18,910 kilometres.